

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
April 16, 2015

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room, of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, Curt Connors, David White, Janine White, Associate Mike Nonni, Susan Chapnick, and Associate Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Eileen Coleman and Associate Michelle Durocher of the Commission, were not present. Also present were Bruce Whelple, Billy Davey, and Garth McSweeney.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

DWhite/Connors motioned to approve the 4/2 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

DWhite/JWhite motioned to approve the **reimbursement** of \$200 to Trevor Brown for Conservation Land signs, from the Stewards Conservation Land Funds; motion passed unanimously. Mr. White also inspected, approved and signed the final form for Mr. Brown's project.

Mr. Davey presented his proposal for an Eagle Scout project to install a **canoe launch** at the Arlington Reservoir. The launch would be approximately 12 feet long, 5 to 6 feet wide down the gentle slope of the shoreline near the parking lot to the water. A few wooden steps of 6x6 lumber, would be installed, possible moving a few of the boulders. Crusher run gravel would be installed around wood. The photos showed a stone bench in this location, so some adjustment of location may be made. The Commission scheduled a site walk on 4/25 at noon at the Res for review of this proposal. Park Department approval must also be sought for this work.

Mr. Doherty appeared in response to the Commission's Notice of Noncompliance for unpermitted work at his property at **16 Spy Pond Park**. A deck was installed without a permit. There is a previous permit for this lot, still in effect. No Certificate of Compliance has been sought for the previous landscaping work. Mr. Doherty explained that the deck was installed on old concrete footings for the icehouse at this corner of Spy Pond.

The Commission will schedule a site walk to this property in May to inspect the deck and advice on a Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Tirone was not in attendance for this item, he recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Doherty also asked about the permits for a seasonal dock. Ms. Beckwith informed him that he would need both review from the Conservation Commission and the state DEP for Chapter 91 permit.

Mr. McSweeney presented his project to clear and recreate the pathway loop through **Meadowbrook Park**, near Mystic Valley Parkway. He described the work to clear the

leaves, smaller plants, shrubs, saplings and level the dirt on the waterway side of the sewer line berm. The path would be approximately 3 feet wide. He needs to obtain permission from MWRA and is working with them on this.

Chapnick/Connors motioned to approve the project; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith announced the date of the clean up of **Meadowbrook Park** on Saturday May 9th, 9-noon.

The Commission discussed edits of the local **regulations**, in regards to: use of the Northeast Regional Climate Center data from Cornell University, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, wetlands definition, and vegetation removal. Mr. Stevens will incorporate into another draft to the Commission for approval on 5/7.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator